

REMARKS

Claims 7, 15, and 19-22 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 15 are amended to further clarify the subject matter being claimed, claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-18 are canceled without prejudice, claims 19-22 have been added, and an Abstract is added. Support for the claimed storing unit may be found, for example, on page 9, line 15, to page 10, line 15, of the present specification; support for the claimed receiving unit may be found, for example, on page 9, lines 7-10, and Figure 3; support for the claimed first receipt control unit may be found, for example, on page 9, lines 7-10, and page 11, lines 19-28, and page 23, lines 15-27; support for the claimed determining unit may be found, for example, on page 23, lines 15-27; support for the claimed second receipt control unit may be found, for example, on page 23, lines 15-27; and support for the claimed executing unit may be found, for example, on page 14, lines 4-6. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Objections to the Specification

The specification is objected to as lacking an Abstract. By this Amendment, a suitable Abstract is provided.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Grecsek (U.S. Patent No. 6,088,801, hereinafter "Grecsek") in view of Matsubara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,123,914, hereinafter "Matsubara"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Without agreeing with or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicants note that claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-18 have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. In response to the rejection of claims 7 and 15, Applicants note that claims 7 and 15 recite that prior to receipt of a program via a network, function information indicating a function used in the program is received. The function information is compared with information stored in a storing unit that determines whether the program is to be received. If it is determined that the program is to be received, then the program is received via a network. If it is determined that the program should not be received, then receipt of the program is canceled. Accordingly, the claimed receiving device, method and computer-readable storage medium prevents communication traffic and security problems resulting from receiving undesired programs. Neither Matsubara nor Grecsek discloses the aforementioned features of independent claims 7 and 15 (as well as newly added claim 22).

Therefore, Applicants submit that Matsubara and Grecsek (either alone or in any proper combination) fail to disclose or to have rendered obvious all of the elements of independent claims 7 and 15 (and the claims dependent therefrom). The cited references thus would not have rendered obvious claims 7 and 15. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New Claims

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that newly added claims 19-22 recite allowable subject matter, and respectfully request that the Examiner indicate allowance of newly added claims 19-22.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 7, 15, and 19-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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